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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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April 28, 2005

Sir:

The statement of reasons for allowance on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability mailed February 3, 2005, is unduly narrow and appears to consider only method claim 15, directed to processing a digital signal resulting from reading data from a recoding medium. Independent method claim 10 concerns a method of recovering data that does not necessarily result from reading data from a recording medium. In addition, independent claims 10, 13, and 14 do not recite the supplying and marking steps mentioned in the statement of reasons for allowance. Since the statement of reasons for allowance does not consider many aspects of the allowed claims, Applicants do not believe the claims should be limited in a manner consistent with the scope of the statement.

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To whatever extent necessary, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any prescribed fees not otherwise provided for, including application processing, extension of time, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,
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